

DUTCH JOHN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

CONFERENCE HALL

Monday, January 25, 2016

AGENDA/MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: 6:10 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT: Members: Buddy Rogers, Dave McDonald, Ryan Kelly, Harriet Dickerson, Sandy Kunkel

Guests: Carol Holmes, Marvin Holmes, Christopher Curtis, Morris Carroll, Jaycie Carroll, Jack Lytle.

BUSINESS:

1. **Public Comments – limited to 5 minutes per individual.** Lengthy discussion with all guests present setting forth their concerns. Concerns included snow plowing – or lack thereof; building issues involving setbacks and building inspections, current and anticipated costs of water for residents. Dave explained that plowing got out of control with major snowstorm because County refused to allow equipment to plow anything but county road. By the time negotiations were completed allowing for plowing of residential streets, etc. snow was overwhelming to everyone. We will be working on clearing snow as best possible at this point in time. The corner of 4th Street is a major concern because of slope issues. The plan for next year will be to not plow to the middle of the road leaving more drive area and deal with issues for getting in and out of driveways. Mr. Carrol volunteered to help, if possible.

Re: new construction. Dave assured those present that when Dutch John is in charge of issuing building permits all setback rules will be adhered to. The building Inspector will verify before any footings are poured. In his position with the County, this was not a required, and obviously wasn't done. The Town of Dutch John needs to complete its own Planning & Zoning document. This document needs to adhere to the Master Plan of the Town and will be subject to public hearing before it is passed. We are hopeful that this can be accomplished by the first of March.

Re: water costs. Yes it is true that water in Dutch John is more expensive to each resident than it is in large towns. The current water system was initiated during the construction of Flaming Gorge Dam and was built to support approximately 500. The costs of building and operating the plant were borne by the Bureau of Reclamation. Now, we have approximately 60 homes supporting this same system. The County just passed an Ordinance raising the rates in the town as was required before issuance of the Bond which will allow the necessary

improvements to be made to our water system. The good news is that we, as a Town, do not anticipate any foreseeable raise in rates for a long time – probably ten years.

2. **Review/approval of Minutes from last meeting.** Motion by Ryan, seconded by Sandy to approve minutes as written.
3. **Review of Correspondence.** None.
4. **Approval of Expenditures.** None.
5. **Old Business.**
 - a. **Necessary procedures for issuing Business Licenses.** Reading the Utah Code and discussion with the State Tax Commission indicate that businesses which have a “presence” or “location” in the Town are required to have a license. Based on that premise there will be probably between 15-20 licenses to be issued by us. The discussion of Guides needing a license is still ongoing. Harriet will send out letters to those identifiable businesses we are sure need a license from the Town. Licenses will be issued for the period January 1, 2016, ending December 31, 2016. Costs and requirements will be the same as was enforced by Daggett County last year. Harriet made a motion to this effect, seconded by Ryan. Passed.
6. **New Business. Information/discussion/possible action.**
 - a. **Update from Council Members regarding Town Business.** Updates include licensing discussed above and utilities as discussed below.
 - b. **Water system takeover.** It was discussed and agreed that it will be in the best interests of the Town to initiate take over of the entire water system, including issuance of the bond. We will ask the County to determine what that is and being immediately.
 - c. **Garbage and Sewer billing.** The County indicated that it would no longer do this billing. Harriet has form to be used by the Town. Sue Olorenshaw will provide us with a current list of names and addresses for such billing. We will need to obtain names and addresses of Bureau people who will begin making their own payments, we believe as of March 1st. We should discuss with the County also billing for water and eliminating that cost to them. Harriet has discussed contract with RDT. They will send their requirements and bid for services and we will type up contract for signature.
 - d. **Town utility billing (gas and electric)** Buddy has contacted Bridger Valley Electric and made arrangements for them to come up with list of locations of service in town. It is probably a good idea to turn off all Town lights and then decide which we do in fact need to pay for. Bureau may need to pay for their lights, school its light, DWR, theirs, USFS, theirs, etc.
7. **Discussion on next year events planning – Freedom Days...** Recap of info. Chamber of Commerce has set aside \$6,000 for us to use. We have \$1,500 left from last year. Some of this money should be spent in advertising, starting maybe as early as April, to solicit more donations and possible vendors for event. Another suggestion for entertainment could be Square Dancers who used to perform at the Dam parking lot.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AS NECESSARY. Harriet motioned we go into Executive Session, Sandy seconded. Passed.

Personnel Issues

Disposition Proposal

Buddy motioned we return to regular session. Harriet seconded. There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

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